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### RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In the Office Communication dated March 21, 2006, the Examiner requires restriction to one of four species:

Species 1: roughening the surface with sputtering;

Species 2: roughening the surface with chemical or plasma etching;

Species 3: roughening the surface with ion milling;

Species 4: roughening the surface by adding particles;

In response, Applicants elect the claims of Species 1 on which at least claims 1-6, 13, and 19-20 are readable. This election is made without traverse.

Prompt examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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It is believed that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fee is due, please debit the Deposit Account No. 09-0458 of the Assignee International Business Machines Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

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